EPISODE 14
'THOMAS AND SKARLOEY'S BIG DAY OUT'

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SCENE 1. EXT. MONTAGE/SODOR RUNBYS – DAY	STORYTELLER
The Lighthouse The Beach	
THOMAS is puffing around the Sodor countryside pulling ANNIE and CLARABEL.	It was a beautiful, bright summer on the Island of Sodor.
THOMAS puffs past the seaside.	Thomas the Tank Engine was taking passengers to the seaside.
THOMAS puffs up to the beach.	In the summer holidays, Thomas went there nearly every day!
MIX TO	
SCENE 2. EXT. TIDMOUTH SHADS – MORNING	
The FAT CONTROLLER is with THOMAS outside Tidmouth Sheds.	One morning, the Fat Controller came to see Thomas. "I have an important special for you," he said. "I need you to take some steel pipes to the Wharf."
MIX TO	
SCENE 3. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY.	
Shen Valley Gordon's Hill The Scottish Castle	
THOMAS puffs across the countryside, pulling trucks full of steel pipes.	Thomas was delighted. There were lots of sights to see on the way to the Wharf!
THOMAS puffs past the Scottish Castle.	He passed to Scottish Castle…
THOMAS puffs through Shen Valley.	… Shen Valley…
THOMAS puffs up Gordon's Hill.	..and looked at the wonderful view from the top of Gordon's Hill.

THOMAS looks out from Gordon's Hill.	
MIX TO	
SCENE 4. EXT. WHARF – DAY.	
Thomas puffs into the Wharf with his trucks full of steel pipes.	But when Thomas arrived at the Wharf…
THOMAS is uncoupled from his trucks. Then he pulls forward to see a rather sad looking SKARLOEY.	He saw Skarloey. Skarloey looked very sad. He has broken down. "There's no one to take me to the Mender's Yard," Skarloey chuffed.
THOMAS looks concerned.	"Maybe I can take you!" puffed Thomas.
THOMAS puffs up to see the THIN CONTROLLER.	So, Thomas went to see the Thin Controller, Mr Percival. "Please sir," he puffed. "Can I take Skarloey to the Mender's?" "Skarloey is very heavy," said the Thin Controller. "I'm sure I can pull him," puffed Thomas. "And I've finished all my other jobs!" "Very well," said the Thin Controller. "But you must go straight there." "Yes sir!" whistled Thomas. "And take care. The coupling could snap at any time!" he added.
SKARLOEY is lowered onto the flatbed truck.	So, Skarloey was loaded onto a flatbed.
SKARLOEY looks sad.	Skarloey was sad. "I don't like going to the Mender's," he puffed. Thomas wanted to cheer Skarloey up. "I'll show you the wonderful sights of Sodor," chuffed Thomas cheerfully.

Thomas puffs away pulling Skarloey.	"This will be your Big Day Out!" And Thomas puffed away, pulling his friend carefully behind him.
MIX TO	
SCENE 5. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY.	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY pull up at a signal by a fork. Thomas puffs away.	So, Thomas didn't take Skarloey straight to the Mender's…
MIX TO	
SCENE 6. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY.	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY puff through a field filled with COWS. THOMAS and SKARLOEY puff through a forest.	He puffed through the farms and forests… Until they arrived at the Scottish Castle.
MIX TO	
SCENE 7. EXT. SCOTTISH CASTLE	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY pull up near the Scottish Castle. THOMAS puffs away pulling SKARLOEY behind him.	"There…" puffed Thomas proudly. "Isn't it wonderful?!" "It's very nice," chuffed Skarloey. "But we have a castle in the mountains." "Then I'll show you Shen Valley," puffed Thomas.
MIX TO	
SCENE 8. EXT. SHEN VALLEY RUNBYS – DAY.	
THOMAS puffs through Shen Valley pulling Skarloey.	Thomas and Skarloey puffed through the flowery fields and the green meadows of Shen Valley. "There!" whistled Thomas grandly.

SKARLOEY looks unimpressed. THOMAS puffs on.	It's very nice," chuffed Skarloey. "But we have green valleys in the mountains."
MIX TO	
SCENE 9. EXT. THE FISHING VILLAGE – DAY.	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY puff through a village – they both look sad.	Thomas felt sad. He wanted Skarloey to have a Big Day Out. He had to find something Skarloey had never seen before! "I know!" puffed Thomas. "I'll show you the view from the top of Gordon's Hill."
MIX TO	
SCENE 10. EXT. GORDON'S HILL – DAY.	
THOMAS pulls SKARLOEY slowly up Gordon's Hill. CLOSE UP: The Coupling. SFX: GROANING STEEL THOMAS' face is red with effort. THOMAS is just reaching the brow of the hill SFX: SNAP THOMAS looks shocked, SKARLOEY looks worried. SKARLOEY starts to roll backwards. SKARLOEY rattles quickly backwards down the hill.	So, Thomas huffed and puffed up Gordon's Hill. Skarloey was very heavy… The coupling creaked and groaned… But still Thomas huffed and chuffed as hard as he could. Then there was trouble… Just as he got to the top of the hill… the coupling snapped…! And Skarloey rolled backwards. "Heeelllp!" cried Skarloey. But it was too late…

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SCENE 11. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY.	
SKARLOEY rolls into the sidings, biffs through the buffers and comes off the end of the track – all still on the flatbed truck.	Skarloey's truck biffed into the sidings… And came off the track.
THOMAS puffs up to survey the damage. SKARLOEY, on his truck, is looking sadly out of some bushes.	"Oh no," moaned Thomas. "The Thin Controller told me to go straight to the Mender's Yard. But I wanted to give you a Big Day Out. And now look what's happened!" Thomas was very unhappy.
THOMAS is hooked up to SKARLOEY's truck.	So Thomas's driver coupled him up to the flatbed. Thomas pulled Skarloey and the truck carefully back onto the tracks.
THOMAS backs up. He pulls the truck onto the tracks. THOMAS buffers up behind SKARLOEY ready to push him.	And they set off for the Mender's Yard.
THOMAS puffs through the countryside pushing SKARLOEY	Thomas didn't try to show Skarloey any more sights. He puffed as fast as he could to do his job.
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SCENE 12. EXT. THE BEACH – DAY	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY puff towards the seaside.	The fastest way to the Mender's Yard was the track by the seaside. Thomas had to stop at a signal.
THOMAS stops at a signal. THOMAS and SKARLOEY look down at a beach scene of children playing. SERIES OF BEACH CLOSE UPS: SANDCASTLES, CHILDREN EATING ICE CREAMS AND DONKEY RIDES.	Skarloey looked down at the sea and the sand. There were sandcastles, donkey rides and children eating ice cream, It looked marvellous! "It's wonderful!" gasped Skarloey. "I've

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THOMAS and SKARLOEY smile.	never seen anything like that before!" Skarloey was so excited, it made his axles tingle. Thomas was surprised….and delighted. "I see the beach almost every day," he tooted happily.
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SCENE 13. EXT. THE SHUNTING YARDS – DAY.	
THOMAS and SKARLOEY pull up at the Mender's Yard.	Thomas took Skarloey to the Mender's. He was soon fixed.
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SCENE 14. EXT. COASTAL RUNBY – DAY.	
The Lighthouse The Beach THOMAS puffs back along the coast pulling a newly repaired SKARLOEY behind him.	On the way back… Thomas took Skarloey along the track by the beach again! "This is the best Big Day Out ever!" puffed Skarloey. Thomas was delighted.
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